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From: Commander, Military Sea Transportation Service, Pacific  
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Subj: Violations of the Dangerous Cargo Regulations;  
Code of Federal Regulations 46 parts 146-149

Ref : (a) COMSTSINST 8023.1C Subj: Safety regulations governing  
the handling and transportation of ammunition and other  
hazardous cargoes

1. Purpose. The purpose of this Notice is to emphasize the importance of compliance with safety regulations governing the handling and transportation of ammunition and other hazardous cargo.

2. Information. The Commandant, Coast Guard, has reported violations of subject regulations including such items covered by reference (a), as:

- a. Non-compatible explosives being stowed in the same hold.
- b. No dangerous cargo manifest available to the ship's officers.
- c. No ship manifest on board the ship.
- d. Handling dangerous cargo (in one case class A explosives at a municipal pier in a United States port) without obtaining a permit from the Coast Guard.
- e. Dangerous cargo stowed in containers without identification on the container.
- f. Vehicles being loaded with fuel in tanks and batteries connected without obtaining a waiver.
- g. Ammunition and other dangerous cargoes being loaded into ship's holds which do not have an approved smoke detection sprinkler system.

3. Action. The responsibilities of MSTS commands and ship masters in the above regard are clearly set out in paragraphs 5 and 6 of reference (a). COMSTOs, Masters and MSTSPAC Representatives shall ensure that:

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a. Careful attention is given to the cited responsibilities, and to other provisions of reference (a), with particular emphasis on the requirements of paragraph 13.

b. Ammunition loading activities are advised of the MSTS intent not to sail ships laden with dangerous or explosive cargo until the documentation required by reference (a) and applicable regulations is in the custody of the ship master.

4. Cancellation. This Notice is cancelled on 30 June 1969.

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